

## Four young ladies received Miss Elba crowns Saturday, March 5



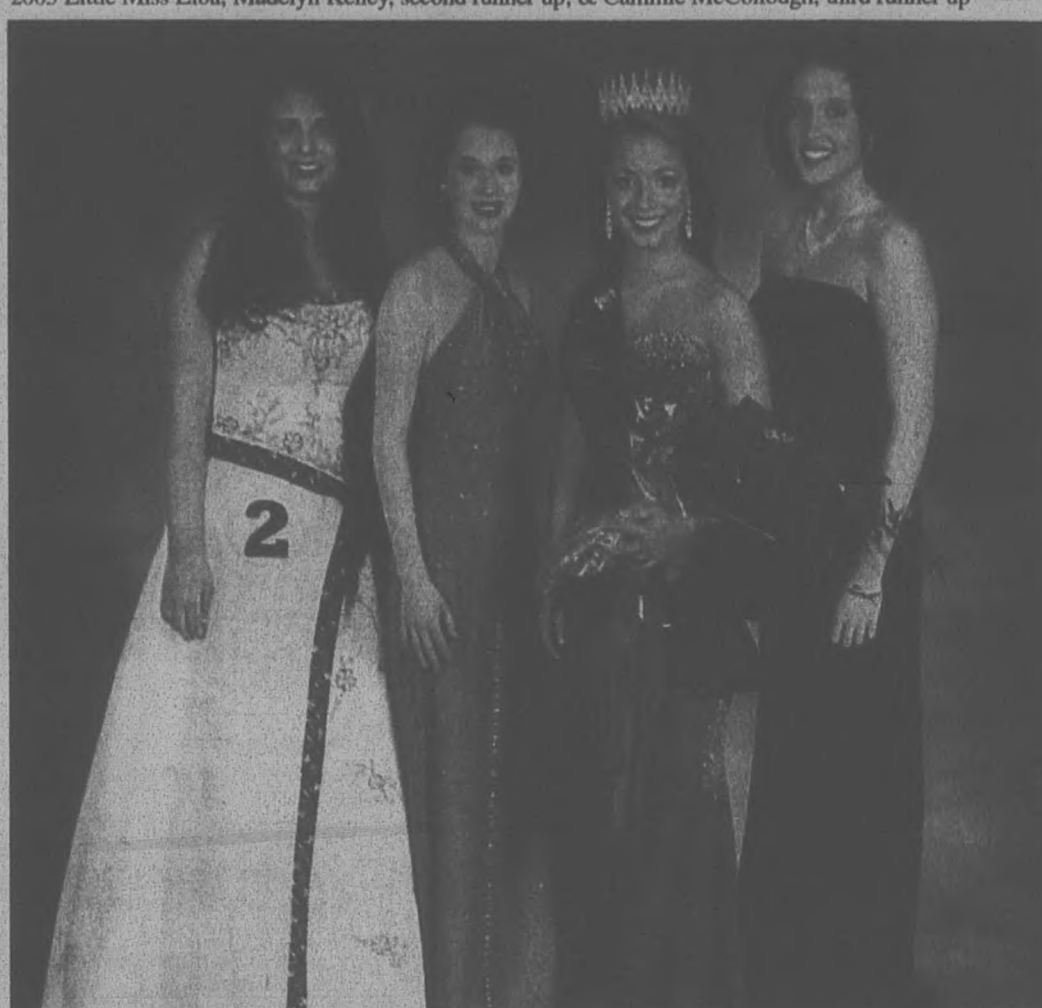
**FUTURE LITTLE MISS** (from left)...Kurstin Jones, second runner up; Brayton Martin, 2005 Future Little Miss Elba; and Haley Parrish, first runner up.



**JUNIOR MISS** (from left)...Brianna Bailey, first runner up; Christina Bryant, 2005 Junior Miss Elba; and Haley Stinson, second runner up.



**LITTLE MISS** (from left)...Alex Dawson, fourth runner up; Katlyn Grogg, first runner up; Caitlin Bradshaw, 2005 Little Miss Elba; Madelyn Kelley, second runner up; & Cammie McCollough, third runner up



**MISS ELBA** (from left)...Arrian Bowers, third runner up; Casey Medlock, first runner up; Kendall Stinson, 2005 Miss Elba; and Whitney Anderson, second runner up.

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Effective with next monthly billing

## Elba W & E Board approves slight increase in water rates

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Monday evening and voted unanimously for a modest raise in water rates effective with the next monthly billing. Elba water rates were last increased in January of 2003. Rural water rates were last increased in April 2001.

Under the new schedule the minimum water bill for the first 2,500 gallons will be \$8.50. That is up 50¢.

The next 2,500 gallons will cost \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons, up from \$3.00. The next 3,000 gallons go up only 20¢ per thousand gallons.

All usages over one million gallons will go up on five cents per thousand gallons.

Rural water rates were also increased with the first 2,500 gallons going up from \$10.15 to \$10.50. The second 1,000 gallons will cost \$3.75 per thousand, up from \$3.50. All monthly water usage over 20,000 gallons will cost \$2.40, up from \$2.30.

The board discussed a recommendation increase in electric rates but tabled the matter over some confusion with details of the proposal. It will be discussed again next month. Meanwhile actual cost increases will be reflected in the fuel adjustment portion of the utility bills.

In other business the board members reviewed the monthly financial reports. These showed an increase in electric usage and a decrease in water usage. Expenses were up, in part to system improvements.

Monthly bills totaling \$67,553.33 were approved for payment.

After a weekend of storms and heavy rains, Coffee County officials began the week wondering how everyone and everything endured the weather.

During Elba City Council meeting

## City Clerk indicates Tiger Drive bridge should reopen this week

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council reappointed Herby McCall to the Elba Library Board in their Monday night meeting. The council also approved a highway department resolution concerning the downtown redevelopment project.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham told council members that the Tiger Drive bridge should be reopened this week. Erosion repairs are being completed on the concrete bridge that connects the Elba schools with Taylor Mill Road.

Grantham also announced there will be another "Clean Up Friday" this week. Assisting this effort are the residents of the Elba Work Release Center.

A workshop for the city council members was scheduled for April 4th at 5:30 p.m.

County engineer Randy Tindell told Coffee County Commissioners, Monday, March 28, during the regular bimonthly meeting, that his department was

in the process of reviewing all county roads.

He said county roads 437, 474 and 520 (a dirt road) remained closed Monday morning. During the meeting, Tindell said County Road 474 was closed due to the rising river; however, he said the river was expected to crest later in the day which would allow the road to reopen once the river level began dropping.

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## Two Elba residents honored for heroic measures

Elba residents Wesley DeVane and Johnny Senn put it all on the line Friday night, Nov. 12, 2004 to save the life of another human being.

That life belonged to 22-year-old Justin Andrew Wilks of Opp, and he was present earlier this week at the Elba City Council meeting when DeVane and Senn each received a Certificate of Appreciation for their heroic efforts.

The certificates, signed by Alabama Governor Bob Riley, indicated the following: "On behalf of the citizens of Alabama, it is my privilege to award this certificate for your outstanding efforts to save the lives of others while endangering your own life. Your kindness and patriotism will not soon be forgotten and is to be commended and recognized. May I take this opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation to you and my best wishes for a future blessed with good health and much happiness."

DeVane is a member of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department and Senn is an Alabama State Trooper.

The two men were traveling home to Elba with their wives following a high school football game on the evening of Nov. 12th when they realized an accident had occurred on Alabama Highway 87, just inside the Pike County line.

Once they arrived on scene, DeVane and Senn found the results of a three-vehicle accident. They also found Wilks trapped inside his vehicle.

According to reports, another vehicle had crossed lanes and collided head-on with the truck driven by Wilks. The force of the collision caused Wilks' vehicle to ignite, and DeVane and Senn worked to remove him from the cab of his truck before the fire reached him. Moments after they removed Wilks from the vehicle, an explosion occurred.



From left, Wesley DeVane, Justin Andrew Wilks and Johnny Senn

## Commission approves resolution to support four-laning of Highway 167

by Linda Hodge, Editor

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## Area Happenings

**HUMAN RESOURCES WILL HAVE CLEAN-UP DAY** (You!) Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 8 a.m. Anyone willing to volunteer can call 897-2667. In case of rain, we will reschedule.

**ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME** will hold meetings of the Elba Pre-Post Gastric Bypass Support Group each Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. For more information contact Cindy Murphy, CNA, CPTP at 334/897-2237, Ext. 297, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

**THE 2005 MISS ZION CHAPEL PAGEANTS**, sponsored by Alutux International Inc. of Jack, Ala., will be held Saturday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the Zion Chapel auditorium. Prizes and costumes will include Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel.

**THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY** needs books for the book sale April 11-16 during regular hours: Monday, Friday 8:00-5:00; Tuesday, Thursday 9:00-3:00; Wednesday, Saturday 9:00-12:00.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Set Your Clocks  
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One Hour  
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**DEMOLITION UNDERWAY** on the Jr. High Wing of the old Elba High School Tuesday morning. The City of Elba is removing this facility, described as beyond repair, and three frame houses acquired in the Elba levee expansion project. Heavy equipment was hired to demolish the four buildings and city crews will remove the debris as regular work schedules allow. The three houses were offered for sale, but there were no offers. The wing of the old school was offered to anyone who would tear it down and remove the debris but that offer had no takers either, even though there were several who initially expressed interest.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Last week The Elba Clipper had another classic error. This time the folks submitting the info freely admitted it wasn't our error. Still it is regrettable that someone might have missed the band concert at the Elba schools because our front page report indicated it would be on Tuesday night. In fact it was held Monday night. Retired Troy State Band Maestro Dr. Johnny Long, being the class individual he is, jumped forward, full of "I'm sorry" comments, to take credit for the mistake. However please don't judge him too harshly. Dr. Long was scheduled for eye surgery on Tuesday of this week and most of us can fully understand why Tuesday was on his mind when writing that release. Therefore join with us in forgiving him for what is probably the very first mistake he has ever made in his star studded life.

It is encouraging to hear reports that there will be still another "Clean Up" Friday in Elba this week. While there seems to be no way to stop clouds from dumping their trash on the sidewalks and streets of Elba, we can give thanks that there are those who will stop and try to clean up some of this mess. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help should contact City Clerk Wayne Grantham. He will probably appreciate the extra set of hands.

At press time the ongoing saga of the Florida lady whose feeding tube was removed after 15 years is still ongoing. As we acknowledged last week, we don't know what is right in this case but have seen some wrongs in the last week. We join the majority of Americans who think the U. S. Congress was wrong to get in the middle of the issue. We would just about choke the lawyer for the woman's parents who told a judge "I have been busy." He was asked why he hadn't told the judge some additional information earlier, even though he was face-to-face with the judge at least twice. Also some man got a TV news camera's attention and accused Governor Jeb Bush of "chickening out" because he wouldn't storm in and take this woman from the legally approved hospital bed she is in, in other words directly defying state and federal courts. That brought quick thoughts of someone getting the same results as Judge Roy Moore did in Alabama... removal from office. Anyway there have been some awful, hurtful words thrown back and forth in this matter. Our prayer is that time will heal some of these wounds.

If nothing else comes out of this matter, we hope millions of people will get themselves a living will, sign it and have witnesses do the same. Regardless of a person's personal feelings on end of life issues, they can be addressed in one of these legal documents. Every year the living wills get more complicated as more and more questions are asked in courts and otherwise about unique situations. As an example, our parents first got a lawyer to draw up one of these some 15 years ago and one of the clauses was a page long, including the signatures of the witnesses. It was a year or two ago our personal living will ran on for pages even though that 15 year old sample of Mother's seemed good enough to this simple mind.

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## EDITORIAL

### National Security plans upcoming Relay for Life events:

The National Security Group's Relay for Life Team will sponsor a "Montage of Music" Friday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. The "Night of Stars" will feature comedy, karaoke and lip-synce as participants pretend to be famous entertainers.

The National Security Group's Relay for Life Team will sponsor a "Ride to Live - Live to Ride" Poker Run on Saturday, April 16. The ride will begin from the National Security Insurance office parking lot at 9 a.m. There will be a \$10 entry fee per rider with a \$50 cash prize for the rider with the best poker hand. All proceeds will benefit the Coffee County Relay for Life event.

### High gas prices prove need for energy legislation

Editorial by Congressman Terry Everett

America runs on energy. It is the engine that drives our economy and its past abundance and affordability have directly contributed to the nation's quality of life through generally lower prices for goods and travel. Unfortunately, we are experiencing firsthand the cold hard fact that our supply of energy is



Student leaders from New Brockton High School were recognized at Troy University's Leadership Day on February 10. After being greeted by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Dean of Admissions Buddy Starling and Vice Chancellor of Students Affairs Colonel John Schmidt, the students were treated to a luncheon. Students were interviewed by members of the Troy University faculty and staff, and those receiving the highest scores on their interviews will be recipients of the Leadership Scholar Award. Attending the Leadership Scholarship Day were: DeAnna Donaldson, Christopher Miranda, Drew Donaldson, Tanner Medley and Sonya Hornsby. Also pictured are New Brockton High School guidance counselor Janice Strickland and Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins.

not unlimited. America no longer has the luxury of waiting for a natural energy policy to increase our fuel options. Rising energy prices are more than just a news story, they are biting anyone in America who drives an automobile, eats food, heats and cools their home or places of business, or buys any goods or service. Most obvious to each of us is the increase of gasoline pump prices. In southern

Alabama, gas is topping \$2.10 a gallon for regular unleaded. In states where gasoline is re-formulated with expensive blends to make it more environmentally friendly, prices are now well above \$3.00 a gallon. Truth is, these gas pains are nothing new. The volatility in the world oil market due to political unrest, compounded by the fact that crude oil is being consumed by an ever increasing rate by countries like China and India, mean gas prices are likely to remain at near record levels. Recent natural disasters like Hurricane Ivan which disrupted oil production in the Gulf of Mexico, and accidents like last week's explosion at a major BP refinery near Houston, Texas underscore the fragility of our energy supply.

What can be done to reverse this negative impact on our economy? For starters, we can adopt a national energy policy to increase domestic production and promote the development of cheaper alternative fuels. This seems like a common sense measure. However, the U.S. House has passed an energy bill three times over the last two years only to see it die in the U.S. Senate. The most recent example is the Energy Policy Act of 2004 (HR 4503) which passed the U.S. House last June but got no further. I have supported and continue to advocate a national energy strategy that decreases America's over dependence on foreign oil by increasing envi-

ronmentally sound, in-country oil and gas exploration. We must explore the possibility of oil development in non-park Federal lands, including Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), as well as natural gas exploration in the Gulf of Mexico.

I also favor an energy strategy that encourages clean coal technology and provides incentives for renewable energy sources like biomass, wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectricity. I favor a strategy that improves our nation's electricity transmission capacity and reliability and encourages the launching of a state-of-the-art program to enable hydrogen fuel cell cars to compete in the marketplace by 2020.

Again, these goals are not new. They are the key points of energy bills that I have voted for and which passed the House since 2003 only to hit a brick wall in the U.S. Senate. However, I am encouraged by the ANWR and hope this is the beginning of a long-anticipated serious approach in Congress to tackle America's energy needs. The Senate leadership deserves credit for placing the ANWR amendment in the annual budget resolution - a necessary parliamentary move which prevented liberals from filibustering (or blocking) the energy measure.

We need such bold action to advance an energy bill to benefit America.

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### Free Small Business Seminar offered at LBWCC-MacArthur Campus

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer a FREE OSHA SEMINAR on general safety and its impact on small business Thursday, March 31st from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The program will be held in the Conference Center Building on the MacArthur Campus in Opp.

This seminar is designed for small businesses or non-profit organizations that employ one or more employees. Nearly every working man and woman in the nation comes under OSHA's jurisdiction (with exceptions such as miners, transportation workers, farmers using only their immediate fam-

ily, many public employees, and the self-employed).

OSHA's mission is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health.

Any work-related injuries, illnesses and deaths, such as workplace violence and work-related motor vehicle accidents could result in an OSHA investigation. Learn how OSHA impacts small business by attending this free seminar March 31st. For more information please call (334) 493-5344.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin,

Thank you so much for the great coverage of the Southeast Alabama Community Band Concert held at Elba High School on Monday night, March 28. The concert was a success and we had a nice crowd in attendance.

The purpose of my letter is to let the public know that the incorrect date in the article was not the fault of the newspaper. You printed everything just as it

was given to you in the press release.

Again, thanks for the article and please accept my apologies for our mistake.

Sincerely,  
TOM MADDOX  
Elba

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS  
WRITE A  
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Coffee County Schools Menu April 4 - 8, 2005

#### BREAKFAST

Monday - Pancake Pups, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Tuesday - Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk

#### LUNCH

Monday - Turkey & Cheese Hoagie, BBQ Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  
Tuesday - Pizza Burgers, Roast Beef Sandwich, Onion Rings, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit, Milk  
Wednesday - Chicken Fajita Stir Fry w/ Rice, Steak Sandwich, Potato Salad, Veggies w/ Dip, Rolls, Fruit, Milk  
Thursday - Turkey Pot Pie, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Whole White Potatoes, English Peas, Fruit, Milk  
Friday - Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk

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## FOCUSED ON FACTS

### Two Giants

They were born a month apart in 1847, one in Scotland, and the other in the American Midwest. One became a teacher, moving from Scotland to Canada, then to the United States. The other became a telegraph operator. Separated by an ocean, they shared a unique curiosity and determination to solve problems.

#### THE ACME OF REALISM.



THE EDISON PHONOGRAPH  
1890's advertisement for Edison's phonograph, through Michigan State University.

Their names were Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Alva Edison. Thanks to Bell, people's voices travel around the world. Thanks to Edison, we bathe in the soft glow of electric lights, watch movies, and listen to records.

When he was fifteen, Alexander knew he would follow his father's example by teaching the deaf, and he later taught at the Boston School for Deaf Mutes. Across the ocean in America, fifteen-year-old Thomas was beginning a career as a telegraph operator for Western Union.

When Alexander was twenty-three, he and his family moved from Scotland to Brantford, Canada. At twenty-two, Edison had received his first patent for an electronic voting machine. When no one would buy it, he decided to restrict his future inventing to products with commercial possibilities.

Shortly after arriving in Canada, Bell moved to Boston to teach, using his spare time to solve the riddle of transmitting speech. He spent his summers in Brantford, where he worked full time on the telephone. Finally, he solved the riddle in 1875, and received a patent for the telephone on March 7, 1876.

By 1876, America knew Edison as a prolific inventor of telegraph equipment. After opening a workshop in Menlo Park, New Jersey, he turned his attention to the electric light bulb. Four years after Bell patented the telephone,

Thomas Edison patented the incandescent light bulb, which continues to be used today.

Both men converted their discoveries into personal fortunes. Bell, the majority owner of Bell Telephone, allowed others to run the company. Edison started an electric company to deliver electricity to homes, thereby creating a market for his invention. Today, that company has become General Electric.

With his wealth, Bell pursued a broad range of interests, including building an airplane in 1909, and a hydrofoil in 1919. In 1898, he became President of the National Geographic Society, and was the driving force behind starting the National Geographic Magazine. His death from diabetes in 1931 occurred just before Frederick Banting discovered insulin.

Edison continued inventing. His later development of the phonograph and moving pictures effectively created modern entertainment. When he died in 1931, President Herbert Hoover asked Americans to honor him with a minute of darkness. Americans responded, and at 10 P.M. on October 22, 1931, the nation went dark for one minute. Find out more about two men whose imprint helped shape our modern world. Take the Web Journey.

Next Week: Everyone thought it was Unsinkable.

## THE WEB JOURNEY

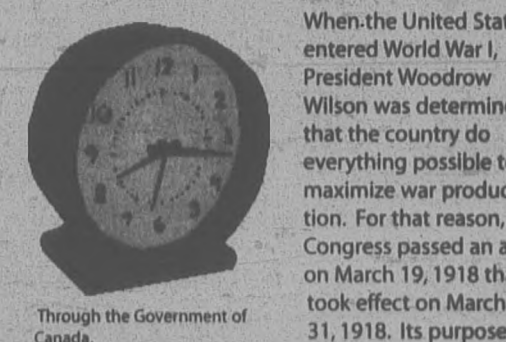
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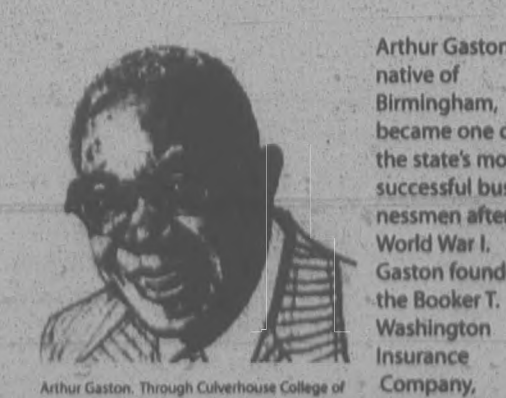
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Survivors include his father: Joe Bill Smith; and two sisters: Jo Ann Carlisle and Janice Pearl Morrow, all of Elba.

**KATIE L. KELLEY**  
Ms. Katie L. Kelley, age 35, of Elba, passed away Monday evening, March 28, 2005, at Elba Nursing Home after an extended illness. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time but will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

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# CHURCH NEWS



THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT was held at the Elba United Methodist Church Saturday morning, March 26 hosted by Rev. & Mrs. Stanley Carter and many helpers. This is a portion of the large group of children who enjoyed coloring pictures, finding Easter eggs, lunch, a bible story by Ms. Linda Biddle, blowing bubbles, and playing outside.

## The early history of the Elba Church of God

By Talmis O. Gatlin  
March 18, 2005

The Elba Church of God was started by a handful of faithful followers who were determined to create a place of worship for the people of Elba.

It all began when Brother Semmie Chappell, a local garage owner asked his friend and coworker, Talmis Gatlin if he knew of a house he could buy in Elba. Talmis told Brother Chappell about some land for sale that had three small houses.

Maybell Chappell Pippin and her father, Brother Semmie Chappell purchased the property with insurance proceeds she received from the navy when her young husband died at sea. The property was purchased from a postman named Danner Beddie.

On this property, Brother Chappell asked Brother Doc Judy, a Church of God preacher, to erect a tent so that he could start having revivals. Doc Judy held revivals in the tent for many months. After Brother Doc Judy, Brother Chappell asked Brother Neal Forhand to come to Elba and preach the revivals. Brother Neal Forhand moved into one of the houses next to the Chappell's. After the tent was taken down, they started having services in Brother Chappell's house (next door).

Maybell Chappell Pippin and her father, Brother Semmie Chappell donated some of their land to build the first Church of

God in Elba.

After the land was acquired, Talmis Gatlin, Bernis Carter, Annalar Mathis, Maybell Chappell Pippin, Bill Sutley, and Brother Chappell started raising money to build the church. Talmis and Bernis went to every business in town asking for donations to help build the church. Every person and every business in Elba donated money to help build the church.

In less than a month, enough money was raised to start building the church. Brother Gusti Hudson and Brother Forhand laid all the blocks for the walls. Brother Chappell, Maybell Chappell Pippin, Talmis Gatlin, Kenny Adkison, Bill Sutley, Gusti Hudson, Annalar Mathis, George Arnold, Wilmer Frazier, Arkie Hodge, Almer Spence all donated windows for the church. Many others helped out to complete the church.

However, there wasn't enough money to lay wood for the floors, so they covered the dirt floors with sawdust and began having services.

As soon as the church was completed, Brother Forhand began services in the new church. Jewell Adkison and Inez Cooper would sing gospel music and play the guitar. When the two beautiful girls started singing gospel, folks would come from all around and fill the church and its grounds to hear the girls sing.

Maybell Chappell Pippin married a man that Talmis Gatlin had introduced her to,

Edlow Marler.

Brother Semmie Chappell eventually pastored the Elba Church of God and lived the rest of his life in Elba.

Talmis Gatlin married Inez Cooper and moved to Columbus Georgia. They returned to Elba and finally retired in Enterprise, AL.

Jewel Adkison married Lester Cook. Not long after their wedding, Jewel was killed in a house fire. Brother Forhand preached her funeral and Inez Cooper Gatlin sang the gospel songs that she and Jewel loved to sing to praise the Lord.

Brother Forhand went on to build another Church of God in Coston Hill and in Opp. He was killed in an unfortunate accident in Florida.

Annalar Mathis moved away but returned to Elba and now lives Morrow Village.

Arkie Hodge is still an active member of the Elba Church of God.

Talmis Gatlin - 305 Doster Street, Enterprise, AL 36330  
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Slot Jr. for feature photography 1969.

Abundant Life Church of Samson, Ala. will be hosting the guest speaker Jeremiah Castle to be held on Sunday April 10, 2005 at 10:30. Jeremiah played for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, University of Alabama, from 1979-1982. He played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1983-1986, Denver Broncos 1987-1988 and played in the Super Bowl XXII in 1988 with Denver Broncos. He is now the Director of Jeremiah Castle Ministries, founded in 2001.

Ilaya Kelley

I'm Four.....

Ilaya O. Kelley celebrated her 4th birthday in the home of her grandmother, Ernestine Kelley, Elba, Alabama Saturday, February 19. The party was given by her mother, Tam Jones and her father Wesley Kelley of Elba. The party theme was "Dora and Friends" with a Dora & friends birthday cake as the center of attraction. Plenty of soft drinks, cake, hamburgers, chips, cookies and hot-dogs were served to the following: her special guest was Lynsey Fayth Manning. Other guests were Tam Jones, Wesley Kelley, Lacy Nunn, Ernestine Kelley, Maria Kelley Duncan, Lydia, Tiffany Brandon & Relli, Shanka Pruitt, Mason Gully, LaRay Williams, Anthony Kelley, Tonya Smith, Jana Russell, Curtis Kelley, Braxton and Brock, Evelyn and Michael Manning, Jason Gully, Kuprika New, Anthony Stouderline, Jovann Doster, Tyrone Kelley, Winston and Tarence, Alex Doster, Christopher Doster, Marcus Kelley, Tia and Malik and Eria L. Belche.

Today is a good day. Be grateful.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

## First Anniversary of the Singing Echoes to be held at Springfield Baptist Church

The first anniversary of the Singing Echoes of New Brocton will be at Springfield Baptist Church. This event will take place on Sunday April 3, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. All soloists, quartets, and groups are invited.

## Jeremiah Castle to be guest speaker at Abundant Life Church

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## Spring Break Finale service planned at Ino Baptist Church

Northern Heights Baptist Church and Ino Baptist Church will be hosting a Spring Break Finale service featuring Nationally known youth communicator Neil McClelland and popular concert artist Kevin Dewberry. The service will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Ino Baptist Church. If you need any information about the weekend events contact Kevin Kelley, Student Pastor at Northern Heights, 897-1864 or John Freeman, Student Pastor, Ino Baptist, 365-3970. Everyone is invited.

## Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church plan revival services

Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church will be holding a revival April 10th. Sunday night at 6 p.m. with Bro. Earl Smith speaking, Monday - Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Bro. Ray Stinson will be speaking. There will be a special singing each night, April 11-13, 2005. Everyone is invited.

# LIFESTYLES

## Mr. Jones & Miss Tober united in holy matrimony Friday, February 18th



Mr. & Mrs. Damon Jones

## Human Resources to hold Clean-up Day, April 2nd

Human Resources will have a Clean-up Day (yard) Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 8 a.m. Anyone willing to volunteer can call 897-2667. In case of rain, we will reschedule.

## Gospel Singing to be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

There will be a Gospel Sing at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Southern Gospel Group Mixon's Crossroads, April 9, beginning at 6 p.m.

## Don't Forget to Move Your Clocks one Hour Saturday Night For Daylight Savings Time!

## E.E.S. Menu

April 4-8, 2005

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Blueberry Muffin, Orange, Corn, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Sandwich, Butter Beans, Corn, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Meatloaf, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, w/Gravy, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Patty Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Pop-Tart, Bacon, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hoagie, French Fries, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, Corn on Cob, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk

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Bhret Dawson Flowers

## Bhret Dawson Flowers is four years old

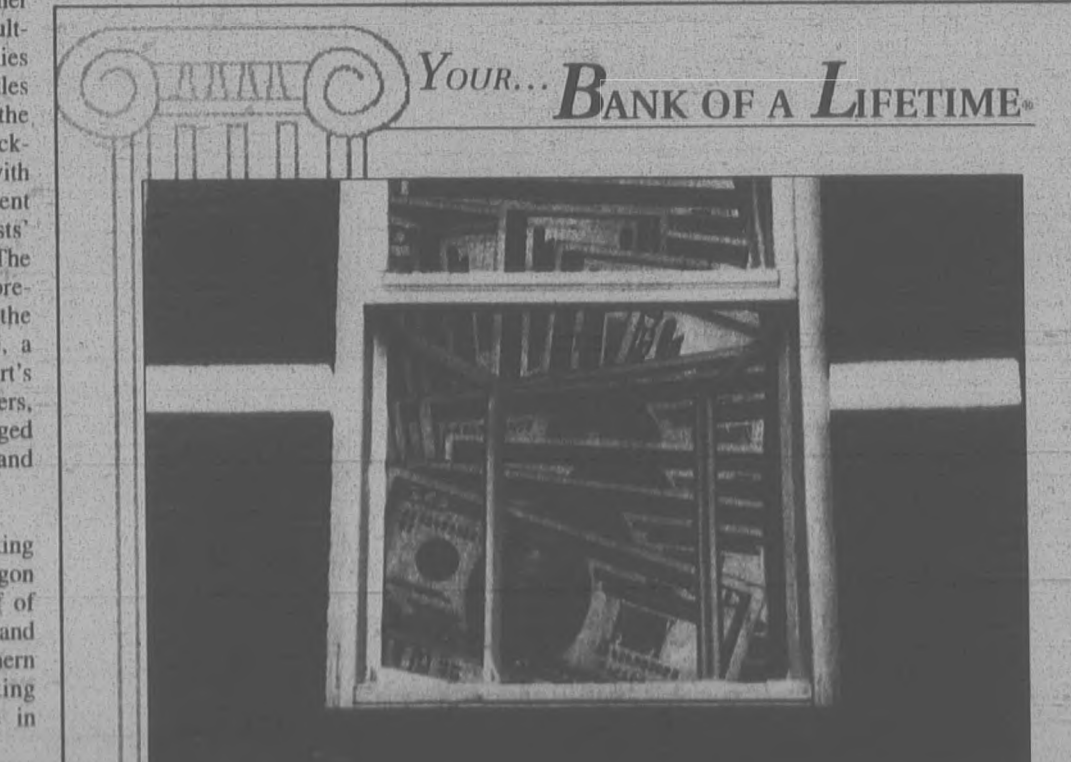
Bhret Dawson Flowers recently celebrated his 4th birthday with a bang. Family and Friends gathered late afternoon for a chili supper followed by a Shark Tails cake. After opening gifts, everyone gathered outside around a fire for a display of fireworks and roasting marshmallows.

Bhret is the son of Chris and Marie Flowers of Elba. Proud grandparents are Hayward and Janice Boutwell of Elba, Gen E. Flowers of Gantt, and Rebecca McDonald of New Brocton.

Great-grandparents are Gowdoylin Boutwell and the late James Coli Boutwell of Elba, and Quinton Lowery and the late Christine Lowery of Samson.

## New Brocton Band Boosters annual BBQ Sale set for April 16

The New Brocton Band Boosters will have their annual BBQ sale on the 16th of April 2005. This sale will take place in front of Advance America in the Enterprise Shopping Center. The plates will be for donation only with all proceeds going to the fund for new band uniforms. The plates will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. They are hoping for a good turnout, the children need these uniforms, and all the help they can get from one will be a great help. If you have any questions please contact Frances E. Lee, Band Booster Secretary, at 389-3595 or 308-9642.



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## NEW ARRIVAL

SHELBY BROOK BARBAREE



Shelby Brook Barbaree

Shelby Brook Barbaree was born Monday, March 10, 2005 at 4:31 p.m. at Flowers Hospital, Dothan, Ala. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Chan and Lora Barbaree.

Shelby is the granddaughter of Chester and Rachel Barbaree of Elba, the late Rose Jones Lechetter of Lufkin, Ala. and the late Wayne Simmons of Lufkin, Ala. She is the great-granddaughter of Carlton and Lenora Reeves of Elba, Katherine Barbaree of New Brocton and the late William Barbaree of New Brocton, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Jones of Lufkin, Ala. and the late Robbie Jones of Lufkin, Ala. and the late Bud and Claude Lee Simmons also of Lufkin, Ala.

## SE AL Vocal Chapter & Wiregrass Angel House announces 8th annual candlelight service

Southeast Alabama Vocal Chapter and Wiregrass Angel House announces the 8th Annual candlelight service to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2005. The Victims of Crime and Lenore (VOCAL) with the guest speaker, Attorney General Troy King will hold a candlelight service honoring victims of crime, their families, and those who support them. This will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Dothan, Sunday, April 10, 2005 at 3 p.m. For more information call Pat Jones at (334) 585-2684 or The Wiregrass Angel House at (334) 703-7010.

## Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH	JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD	MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH	TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

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Kayla Kelley

### E.H.S. Student Spotlight

by Casey Medlock

This week's student spotlight is none other than Jessica Merklin, the 17-year-old daughter of Dawn and Donald Merklin.

She is actively involved in Sr. Beta, Key Club and the EHS broadcast journalism staff. She is also the vice president of Mu Alpha Theta, a section leader in the EHS Marching Tiger Band and the first chair clarinet player in the EHS concert band.

Jessica's hobbies include listening to music, taking pictures and playing video games. She describes herself as different and unique, and says, "I don't really try to be like anyone, only myself."

As for her future, Jessica



Jessica Merklin

plans to attend the University of West Alabama and major in a field of criminal justice or computer technologies.

Congratulations, Jessica, on being this week's student spotlight!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Duke Carr)...Brittney is making new friends at Elba High School!

## Elba High School golf team ready for a new year

by Duke Carr

Hoping to build off of last year's success, the Elba High School golf team has hit the golf courses once again.

Returning five players from last year's roster, the golf team will be looking to return to the state playoffs, where they placed second in the Class 3A tournament.

The team is full of veterans, with five of the six players on the team being a junior and senior. With two seniors and three juniors, the Tigers are ready to start the season off on the right note.

Along with their impressive second place finish in the Class 3A tournament, the Tigers are returning lower medalist in Class 3A Timothy Jackson. He will serve as one of the leader's of this veteran team that has only one goal in mind, returning to the state tournament.

Here is a list of this year's team: Evan Tew, Josh Miller, Timothy Jackson, Hunter McGuire, Michael Jackson and Jamison Baker.

These members include Caleb Davis, Lauren McClung, Gale Olson, Maizie Thomas, Megan Sullivan, Justin Watkins and Emily Driggers. They will all participate in this weekend-long event, which will take place the weekend of May 5-7 at JSU.

The final concerts will be on Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. for middle school and 4 p.m. for high school.

For more information, visit <http://www.marchingsoutherners.org/honorband>.

Congratulations and good luck to these students!



2005 Elba High School golf team with coach, Susan Barnes

## Students chosen for AEC Youth Tour

by Casey Medlock

The top five students out of the junior class went to the AEC building in Andalusia, Ala., on Friday, Feb. 25, 2005.

There, Kayla Kelley, Timothy Jackson, Elena McCormick, Casey Medlock, and Justin Watkins all took a test on electric cooperatives and went through an interview.

After waiting for a couple of hours, the winners were announced.

Timothy Jackson, third alternate, Justin Watkins, second alternate, Elena McCormick, first alternate, Kayla Kelley, second place, and Casey Medlock, first place.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Student leaders from Elba High School were recognized at Troy University's Leadership Day on February 10. The students were greeted by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Dean of Admissions, Buddy Stirling and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Colonel John Schmidt. After a special luncheon, students were interviewed by members of the Troy University faculty and staff. Those receiving the highest scores on their interviews will be recipients of the Leadership Scholarship Award. Attending the Leadership Scholarship Day were (from left): Cameron Irwin, Anna Harrison, Kaleb Dyess, Justin Williams, Ashley Gibson and Rebecca English. Also pictured is Colonel John Schmidt.

## Seek testing for colorectal cancer

The Alabama Department of Public Health wants to remind the public that colorectal cancer is almost 100 percent preventable just by getting tested.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 145,290 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States and an estimated 56,290 people will die from this disease in 2005. In 2004, the American Cancer Society estimated that 2,330 new cases of colorectal cancer would be diagnosed in Alabama, and 900 deaths would be attributable to colorectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer, the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the nation, is a cancer that develops in the colon or rectum of both men and women.

Before a cancer develops, there often are earlier changes in the lining of the colon or rectum, such as polyps. Early polyp removal, which can be done through a flexible sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy, may prevent cancer from developing.

All men and women are at risk of developing colorectal cancer; however, a vast majority of cases are diagnosed after the age of 50. In addition to aging, additional factors that increase an individual's risk of developing colorectal cancer include a personal family history of colon cancer, a personal history of intestinal polyps, obesity, increased consumption of red meat and alcohol, smoking, and lack of physical activity.

When colorectal cancer is detected and treated early, there is over a 90 percent survival rate, but only 39 percent of colon cancers are found at an early stage because of lack of screening.

The American Cancer Society recommends that beginning at age 50 both men and women follow one of the testing schedules for colorectal cancer:

- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years
- Yearly fecal occult blood test and flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years (This combination is preferred over either fecal occult blood test alone, or flexible sigmoidoscopy alone.)
- Double-contrast barium enema every five years
- Colonoscopy every 10 years

People who are at an increased risk for colorectal cancer are encouraged to talk with their health care provider about a different testing schedule. A physician may recommend that an individual start a screening method earlier.

For more information on colorectal cancer please contact: The American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

The National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4-CANCER or [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)

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"Mrs. Davidson, may I speak with you about my project?" she asked.

"Is there a problem?"

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"Jess, the objective of the assignment simply was to help you all realize that history comes from life. Each and every story is unique. That's what makes it so interesting. You don't have to be a part of some big event or make some gigantic accomplishment for history to be important. You just have to live life. History, whether it be mine or yours, is about the things we do today for tomorrow to remember yesterday. As long as your report reveals what you've learned, I have no doubt it will be great."

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"Thanks!" Jess exclaimed as she headed for the door. "I think I know what to do, now."

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Next Week: CHAPTER SIX  
Jess Finds the Missing Link

For days, Jess had spent the majority of her time in the attic ciphers through the items in the chest. It was full of picture albums, video tapes, notebooks and many other items related to mother and daughter. She spent hours looking at the information and couldn't believe all she had learned about her mother in such a short time.

Each item seemed to tell a different story, and Jess became more and more involved in studying the information. It was easy to see her mother wanted every detail to reflect love, happiness and encouragement.

There were photo albums filled with picture after picture. Pictures of her parents as children. Pictures of her parents as a couple. Pictures of the three of them as a family and, most importantly, pictures of mother and daughter.

Jess had never seen a picture of just the two of them. These pictures gave her a new sense of understanding. She may have only been a baby in the pictures, but there was definitely a look of following admiration on her face for her mother.

The videos had the most effect on Jess. She had watched them over and over again throughout the week. Sometimes it felt like she was watching a movie while other times she felt an undeniable connection with her mom. But, mostly, the videos allowed Jess to really see and get to know her mother. No longer would she be just some person she heard about in stories. She was real. Their connection was real.

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## Stay Connected to Your Co-op

Don't miss the CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 7



CEC employee Susie Adams shows the grand prize, a 1995 Dodge Dakota extended cab truck, to be given away to one lucky CEC member at the 2005 CEC Annual Meeting on April 7. Other major prizes include a 27-inch flatscreen TV, microwave oven, DVD player, electric grill and \$150 cash.

## Thursday, April 7

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## Family Entertainment

The Hoppers of North Carolina will entertain the crowd during this year's meeting. The Hoppers have enjoyed tremendous success through three decades. Although this talented musical family has enjoyed many popular hit releases, their first number one release came in 1990 with the song entitled "Here I Am." Since that time, four Hopper releases have peaked at number one including "Milk & Honey," "Mention My Name," "Anchor to the power of the Cross," and their most recent number one, "Yes I Am." A local group, Praises Four of Andalusia, will also entertain at the CEC Annual Meeting.

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## Co-Op Spotlight

by Katie Cash



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Amanda Richardson. She is a senior at Elba High School and is the daughter of Coy Ray and Debra Richardson.

Amanda is currently employed at the Elba Marketplace as a deli clerk. Her future goals include going to college and having a family.

Amanda enjoys spending time with her family, hanging out with her friends and talking on the phone.

Congratulations, Amanda, on a job well done!

## Did You Know?...

by Elizabeth Weeks

April Fool's Day originated in 1752, years after the Pope ordered a new calendar (Gregorian) to replace the old (Julian) one in 1582.

This new calendar would put New Year's Day on Jan. 1st, whereas before it was celebrated April 1st. However, many countries resisted the change or were unaware of it and continued celebrating on the first day of April.

Other people began making fun of and playing jokes on them.

The French started calling April 1st "Poisson d'Avril," or "April Fish." French children would sometimes tape a picture of a fish on the back of their schoolmates and say "Poisson d'Avril" when the prank was discovered.

In 1752 Great Britain finally switched over to the Gregorian calendar, and "April Fool's Day" began being celebrated in England and the American colonies.

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## SPORTS

Views From....  
**THE PRESSBOX**

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We enjoyed the Easter weekend down in Mobile with my Mom, but with her dog and our dog both guarding the house and the backyard the Easter Bunny never had a chance and just skipped on past without leaving any treats. I can remember very well helping the girls put out their baskets on Saturday night and then helping them eat the candy late the next day while they searched the yard for eggs. Hmm, that still sounds like fun to me!

**FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....**

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers posted two wins in three games last week over at the Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament to even their record at 6-6 and in the process got the chance to use all four of their pitchers and got lots of extra batting practice in for all the players on the roster. Senior Adam Spicer made the most of his at-bats as in the three games he batted out 6 hits, scored 3 runs, knocked in 11 runs and collected a double and a home-run, while teammate Clark Skinner had 4 hits, scored 4 runs and added 5 runs-batted-in. Steven Driggers added 4 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 2 runs, while Chase Boutwell also had 4 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs and Brad Sullivan added 3 hits and scored 5 runs. The Tigers hit the ball all over the ballpark in the three games and staged late rallies to pick up two wins, but one area the team did struggle was on the field, where the Tigers committed 14 errors and allowed their opponents to score 13 unearned runs. If the Tigers can shore up the defense and keep hitting the ball they have a chance to win a bunch of games and maybe make a trip to the state playoffs.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers took the week off and will return this week with a game against cross-county rival New Brockton on Thursday and a tournament in Pleasant Home over the weekend. The Lady Tigers entered the spring break with a 5-6 record, and like their male counterparts need to improve on defense if they hope to add some wins to their side of the ledger. There are plenty of games remaining on the schedule and maybe the girls will become aggressive and get after some folks real soon.

\*\*\* The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its annual "All-State" high school basketball teams last weekend and the only county player making the list was New Brockton's Maressa Loman. Loman, a senior and a five-year starter for the Lady Gamecocks, led the team in almost every category last season and led the team to its first sub-region appearance in years. There is no doubt Loman was deserving of her honorable mention on the 2A list, and was one of the top players in the county.

\*\*\* The college basketball season has come down to its "Final 4" teams and while I did do pretty good by picking three of the four teams in the field, I will have to put the Illinois or Louisville to take home the title. Both teams made unbelievable comebacks to make the final four and have coaches that have not received their share of the credit for the success of their teams. I have been to one final four weekend and it was a memory I will never forget. So, you know this weekend I will be sitting on the sofa watching the nation's best college teams battle for the big prize.

\*\*\* In closing... the youth baseball and softball leagues will open their seasons next week in Elba and once again this season the Elba teams will compete in an inter-locking schedule with teams from New Brockton, Troy Chapel, Kinston and Brantley. The various leagues will all have their own all-star teams later in the summer, but for now they will all compete in the same schedule and two nights a week the youngsters will hit the field to show off their skills and their desire. Remember, the kids have enough pressure on them without any shouting from the stands, and the only thing they should hear is encouragement. Let 'em hear you cheer, but remember how young they are and how young you once were.

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**Bill Brown returns to winners  
circle in Super Stock feature**

After capturing the 2003 Super Stock Championship at South Alabama Speedway, 2004 didn't go quite as planned for the Florida driver. A new car took longer to construct than planned. Then there were the little problems that come with a new car. Finally, just before the 2004 season concluded, Brown had the bugs worked out, and took a checkered flag in October. 2005 has gotten off to a better start. Brown had one of the fastest cars in the season-opening Rattler Weekend, although he settled for fourth place after his car picked up a loose condition. Saturday night, Brown had the fastest car, and took win in the 25-lap Super Stock Feature.

Brown started on the outside pole, but out-dragged pole-sitter Jamie Ater to turn one to take a lead he never relinquished. Ater was able to stay glued to Brown's bumper during the early portions of the race, but with the race going green for the distance, Brown gradually pulled away for a three-car length win. Rick Northey finished third, followed by Greg Adams and Jerry Weatherington.

In the Vintage Feature, Phillip Anderson backed up his Rattler win with flag to flag win. Anderson got the jump on pole-sitter Teddy Sasser to take the lead. Sasser chased Anderson all race but couldn't mount a serious challenge to Anderson's position. Ted Shores was third, Duane Bates fourth, and Terry Davis fifth.

In the Street Stock Feature, Scott Morse got reprieve from a mental error and went on to win. Morse led all race but got a big break on a lap three restart. Morse failed to see the "one to go" signal from the flagman. As the field came around to take the green, Morse misread a slow pace. Chad Roberts, running second, jumped to the inside of Morse as the green waved. However, Roberts was just a little quick on his takeoff, and track officials ended another restart. This time, Morse was ready and got the jump on Roberts. Roberts and Derek Deese got together four laps later, sending both to the rear.

With his main competition having to fight their way back through the pack, Morse was able to pull away for a comfortable win. Michael Wadding was second at the checkered flag. Roberts fought his way back to third. Charles Cotton and Johnny Willis rounded out the top five.

In the night's most competitive race, Jason Singletary took the lead with just four laps remaining to take his second win of the young season. Jimmy Hager took the early lead but had to withstand constant pressure from John Singletary, Jason Singletary, and Billy Maxie. John Singletary pulled to the outside of Hager on lap seven to take the lead at the line. For three laps, John Singletary beat Hager to the stripe. Jason Singletary was right behind, trying to decide which to follow. He finally followed Hager and both were able to get past the

leader. Hager continued to lead the Singletary brothers and it appeared he may be able to hold them off to take the win. However, on lap 17, Jason Singletary was able to get under Hager coming out of turn four. They went into turn one side by side, but with the preferred line, Singletary was able to complete the pass. Singletary crossed the line just ahead of Hager, Maxie, John Singletary, and James Smith.

In the Coyote Feature, Tracy Thompson led all 15 laps to take the win. Billy Thompson got past Troy Lader to steal away second. Lloyd Shoaf was fourth and Ben Baxley fifth.

Jamie Ater won a five lap Modified shootout over Malcolm Spears. Action continues at the Kinston oval on April 2 with heats and features for the local classes. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539, or visit the track's web site at [www.southalabamaspeedway.com/](http://www.southalabamaspeedway.com/)

**Results**

**Super Stock**  
 1. Bill Brown  
 2. Jamie Ater  
 3. Rick Northey  
 4. Greg Adams  
 5. Jerry Weatherington  
 6. Ron Joyner  
 DNS David Ashley

**Vintage**

1. Phillip Anderson  
 2. Teddy Sasser  
 3. Ted Shores  
 4. Duane Bates  
 5. Terry Davis  
 6. Tony Walker

**Modified**

1. Jamie Ater  
 2. Malcolm Spears

**Street Stock**

1. Scott Morse  
 2. Michael Wadding  
 3. Chad Roberts  
 4. Charles Cotton  
 5. Johnny Willis  
 DNS Jeremy Mack

**Roadrunner**

1. Jason Singletary  
 2. Jaimmy Hager  
 3. Billy Maxie  
 4. John Singletary  
 5. James Smith

**DNS Matt Smith Morris Manley**

**Coyote**

1. Tracy Thompson  
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**DREW DONALDSON** killed this gobbler on the first day of the season while hunting near Victoria. Donaldson, age 18, a student at New Brockton High School, reported the gobbler had a 10 inch beard.



**MARESSA LOMAN....** a senior at New Brockton High School, received "Honorable Mention" last weekend on the Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 2A All-State Basketball team. Loman, a five-year starter with the Lady Gamecocks, led the team in scoring and rebounding this season.

**Free boating safety classes  
to be offered at MacArthur**

The MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College will offer a FREE Boating Safety Course on Monday, April 11th and Tuesday, April 12th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. each evening sponsored by the Alabama Marine Police Division. The program will be held in the Conference Center Building on the MacArthur Campus in Opp. Participants must attend both nights of the course.

The course will include class-

**Record crowd attends 2005 Wild  
Turkey Expo and Calling Contest**

A record crowd attended the 2005 Wild Turkey Expo and 34th Annual Alabama State Turkey Calling Contest, sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives. The event was held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26 in Ozark, Ala.

Five Touchstone Energy Cooperatives - Central Alabama EC, Prattville, Ala., Pea River EC, Ozark, Ala., South Alabama EC, Troy, Ala., West Florida EC, Graceville, Fla., and Wiregrass EC, Hartford, Ala., — were title sponsors of the event. The event, sanctioned by the Alabama State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWF), was hosted by the Southeast Alabama Chapter of the NWF.

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**Elba Tiger catcher Brad Sullivan** awaits a throw as a Goshen runner slides across home plate in action last week at the Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament. The Tigers scored five runs in their final at-bat to outscore the Eagles 12-10 in the opening game of the tourney for both teams.

**In tourney opener****Tigers rally past Eagles 12-10**

The Elba Tigers staged a furious seventh inning rally last Monday afternoon to outscore the Goshen Eagles 12-10, in the opening round of the Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament.

Elba failed to get a hit in the opening two innings and trailed 2-0 when it came to the plate in the top of the third, but saw its bats come to life in the inning as the Tigers plated four runs to grab a 4-2 advantage.

Brad Sullivan ignited the rally with a one-out triple down the right field line and later scored when Clark Skinner delivered a key two-out single, while the big blow in the inning was a mammoth three-run home-run by Adam Spicer that bounced high in the pecan trees behind the left field fence!

Goshen scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth to regain the lead at 6-4, only to see Elba rally again in the top of the fifth and plate three runs to move back on top 7-6. The



**Elba Tiger Adam Spicer** trots toward home plate after belting a three-run homer in the Tigers' 12-10 win over Goshen last week in the Arton Spring Break Softball Tournament. Spicer had 6 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 11 runs to lead the Tigers to a 2-1 record in the eight-team tournament.

**Loss was only one for Tigers in event****Late rally falls far short in 17-6 loss to Purple Cats  
in annual Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament**

The Elba Tigers saw an early lead vanish late Monday night as they lost to the Arton Purple Cats 17-6, in the second game of last week's Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament.

Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first after a double by Clark Skinner and an RBI single by Adam Spicer, then rallied in the bottom of the fifth, winning as the Tigers cut the Purple Cats lead to 10-5, then pulled within 10-6 in the sixth when Brad Sullivan was hit by a pitch and later scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Chase Boutwell.

Elba's thoughts of a second late inning rally in one day were alive entering the seventh inning, but came crashing down in a hurry as Arton combined three hits with four hit batters, two walks and two errors to

**Evans record at 6-6****Elba bags Gamecocks 9-8**

The Elba Tigers pushed across the winning run with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning last Wednesday afternoon to rally past the New Brockton Gamecocks 9-8, in the final day's action in the Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament.

The win gave the Tigers a 2-1 record in the annual tournament and improved Elba's record to 6-6 on the season.

Elba failed to get on the scoreboard in the opening two innings, despite back-to-back second inning singles by Ryan Gibbs and Chase Boutwell, and trailed 1-0 heading into the bottom of the third.

The Tigers bats remained alive in their half of the frame and Elba moved ahead 2-1 as LaRay Williams and Adam Spicer both delivered key RBI singles.

Elba combined three hits with three walks in the bottom of the fourth as the Tigers plated five runs and extended their lead to 7-1. A one-out single by Steven Driggers provided the spark for the Elba rally, while consecutive walks to Brad Sullivan, LaRay Williams and Chase Boutwell forced in Driggers and upped Elba's lead to 3-1. Clark Skinner followed with an RBI single to drive in Sullivan, while Williams scored on a wild pitch and Adam Spicer delivered a clutch two-out, two-run double as the Tigers moved on top 7-1 after four innings of play.

New Brockton was down, but not about to throw in the towel, and the Gamecocks answered the Elba rally by scoring four runs in the top of the fifth to cut the Tigers' lead to 7-5. Heath Parker had a bases-loaded double to highlight the Gamecock rally, which was aided by three infield errors by the Tigers.

Elba upped its lead to 8-5 in the bottom of the sixth when LaRay Williams reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and then raced home on an error, and the Tigers went into the seventh inning with an 8-5 lead and needed only three outs to hang the win on the scoreboard.

The Gamecocks had other ideas; however, and combined a lead-off walk with four straight hits to plate three runs as they caught the Tigers at 8-8. Heath

**Men's softball  
tourney set for  
Clayhatchee**

A men's softball tournament will be held on Saturday, April 9, at the Clayhatchee Community Park. Entry fee is \$115 per team and each team will hit its own regulation softball. Deadline to enter is April 7 at 12:00 (noon), and to enter call Nancy at 598-4322 or Diane at 598-5547.

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Leah Stephens and Dave Lummus, members of the Wiregrass Buckmaster One Shot Club, recently presented Landmark Park with a \$2,000 check. The funds will be placed in the park's new "Wildlife and Conservation Fund", a permanent endowment-type fund to support wildlife and conservation-related programs and activities at the 100 acre park. The Wiregrass Buckmasters raised the funds during its annual banquet. Other local projects that the club supports includes Project Venison, a program that distributes meat through the Wiregrass Area Food Bank, and organized hunts for disadvantaged children. Landmark Park is located on U.S. Hwy 431, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle.

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THE GAMES !!**

**Elba Tiger pitcher Clark Skinner** delivers a pitch during action last week in Arton. Skinner pitched seven innings in the tournament and posted one win and one loss to help the Tigers even their record at 6-6.

Parker ripped his second double of the game to knock in two runs, but New Brockton failed to take the lead as the Tigers escaped the wild inning with the score tied at 8-8.

Chase Boutwell singled to open the bottom of the seventh for Elba, moved to second on an error off the bat of Steven Driggers and then moved to third on a single by Brad Sullivan that loaded the bases with Tigers with only one out.

LaRay Williams then drew a walk and Boutwell trotted in and touched the plate to give Elba the exciting 9-8 win over its cross-county rivals from New Brockton.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
\* BASEBALL \*  
\* SOFTBALL \*  
SCHEDULES****THURSDAY, MARCH 31**

\* SOFTBALL \*  
 New Brockton at Elba (V) 4:00  
 McKenzie at Kinston (V) 5:00

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1**

\* BASEBALL \*  
 Opp at Elba (5:00)

\* SOFTBALL \*  
 New Brockton at Highland Home (V) 4:30

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2**

\* SOFTBALL \*  
 Elba, in Pleasant Home Tournament

**MONDAY, APRIL 4**

\* SOFTBALL \*  
 Samson at Elba (JV-V) 4:00  
 Pleasant Home at Geneva (V) 5:00  
 New Brockton at Geneva Co. (V) 4:30

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5**

\* SOFTBALL \*  
 Elba at Samson (JV-V) 4:00  
 Kinston at New Brockton (V) 5:00



## Elba's TMD plant recognized by The Janice Capilouto Center for the Deaf CCC

The Janice Capilouto Center for the Deaf (JCCD) located in Montgomery, has served Alabama for the last 26 years. Last year, JCCD provided services to 578 deaf and hearing impaired people in 41 counties.

Lynne Stokely, Executive Director explained, "The Center meets a broad range of needs, but the major focus is to promote independence through employment opportunities. Our programs prepare youth and adults for work. Our employment developers work with potential employers. Once on a job, the Job Coaches (interpreters) work with the deaf and hearing impaired until fully trained."

"The youth learn work readiness skills beginning at age 14 through 21. In addition, a program called Alabama Customized Employment is an individualized program where one participant is trained in field of interest to him, such as a hotel laundry worker. JCCD also provides interpreter services, summer day camps for deaf and hearing impaired youth, and in Montgomery hearing children ages K through 6th grade may learn sign language in our summer day camps."

On March 3, 2005, Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. Elba Plant was recognized by The Janice Capilouto Center for the Deaf as Employer of the Year at a ceremony held in Montgomery. Since operations began on January 21, 2004, the Elba facility has hired three deaf employees.

In presenting this award, Rich Lewis, Placement Service Coordinator for the JCCD said, "It has been wonderful to work with Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. they are so open to hiring people despite having disabilities. From the Plant Manager, Keith Riegle right down to the employees on the production floor—everyone has been great. Our clients love working at TMD, they know they are doing worthy work and making an important contribution. They feel accepted by all."

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Speaking on behalf of the Company, Keith Riegle said, "Toledo Molding & Die should be the giving you this award as we are the real winner because of these dedicated employees you referred to us. I like what has been said here tonight about attitude. Attitude is like altitude, with a good attitude you soar; without it your plane never gets off of the ground. Toledo Molding & Die is its people, without good employees we would not have been able to be so successful."

Discussing this award with the Elba Clipper, TMD's Human Resources Manager, Donna Anderson, encourages other employers to consider hiring people with disabilities. She explained, "With our deaf employees, day-to-day matters generally cause no communication problems as things not understood by lip reading or common hand signals can be written down. These employees have good skills in dealing with their fellow employees—after all, the deaf live in a hearing world and must make themselves understood wherever they go and whatever they do."

"Our hearing employees were very interested in learning to communicate with the deaf employees and the Company put sign language books in the employee break room. Past friendships formed in the workgroups. When complex matters must be discussed, JCCD provides interpreter services."

"The issue of equal access by people with disabilities is satisfied if we write things down for their use. However, our Company goes one step further so a JCCD interpreter comes to our monthly employee meetings where we present important matters relating to safety and quality. After the meeting each month there is formal time to discuss any other in-depth issues they desire. This has really worked out well for all."

"I am very pleased to be associated with Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. It is a company that values the contributions of its employees, strives to be a good corporate citizen, and provides a positive presence in the Elba community, and, of course, value for its customers."



Pictured Left to Right - Julie Sund, Janice Capilouto Center Employment Specialist, Rich Lewis, Placement Service Coordinator, Keith Riegle, Elba Plant Manager, and Donna Anderson, Human Resources Manager.

## Bobby and Barbara Hudson to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, April 9

Bobby and Barbara Hudson will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Olde South Inn, Elba, on April 9, 2005 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Both Bobby and Barbara attended Elba High School where they met and have spent the last 50 wonderful years together.

They have one daughter, Regina, and two sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck and Tab and Rob and Kelly. They also are the grandparents to two grandsons, Bobby and Grant, and two granddaughters, Heather and Brittany.

Your presence is your gift.

## Cockatiel with disease found in pet store

The Department of Agriculture and Industries has issued an advisory on the investigation of positive test results for Psittacosis, a respiratory disease, in cockatiels at an Alabama pet store.

The pet store has been fully cooperating with the Department of Agriculture and Industries and the Department of Public Health to ensure containment of the disease.



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hudson

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Florida line. On Monday, he said he feels it important for the commission to show its support for that project.

Grimmsley asked commissioners to approve a resolution asking Senator Jimmy Holley, Rep. Terry Spicer and the Alabama Department of Transportation to make the four-laning of Hwy. 167 from Troy to the Florida line at top priority and to include the project in the state's five-year plan. Grimmsley also asked that copies of the resolution be sent to U.S. Congressman Terry Everett, U.S. Senator Richard Shelby and U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions asking them to keep the project atop the priority list.

"This way everyone will know where the (Coffee County) Commission stands on this project," Grimmsley said.

His motion received a second from Commissioner Jim Thompson and passed by a 5-1 vote. Commissioner Linda Westbrook was absent from the meeting, and Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained.

While discussing the motion made by Grimmsley, Brooks began a discussion to remove from the table the issue regarding the recently proposed rural transportation system. He even offered a motion to amend Grimmsley's motion by asking that the rural transportation system matter be removed from the table.

After being reminded that an amendment to a motion had to pertain to the current motion, Brooks decided to wait until after the vote on Grimmsley's motion.

Brooks offered his motion to take the rural transportation system proposal off the table and vote on it; however, his motion died for lack of a second.

In other business:

\* Approved a request from the Elba United Methodist Church to use the area around the flag pole at the Elba Courthouse for a National Day of Prayer Service Thursday, May 5, at Noon.

\* Approved a request of the Coffee County Water Authority to allow the engineer's department to assist with the moving of a water meter vault. Tindell said the water authority does not have equipment large enough to handle the job.

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